From: "Mylott, Richard" </O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE:GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=16543F1A0E1A4C4DAFE0611A15C85705-MYLOTT.RICHARD>

To: Diane.Eastabrook@aliazeera.net

CC:

Date: 9/2/2014 2:51:14 PM

Subject: RE: brine spills

Hi Diane, thanks for your email. EPA sent an emergency response coordinator from its Denver office to evaluate the July brine spill. EPA's primary role under our authorities is to ensure appropriate response actions are taken when oil spills threaten surface waters or when releases of contaminants pose an immediate and substantial threat to human health. In this case, our primary concerns were 1.) assessing potential impacts associated with oil and 2.) ensuring the safety of drinking water. Following the spill, no oil was observed in the drainage adjacent to the spill location or downgradient in a bay connected to Lake Sakakawea. Water samples taken near drinking water intakes showed no indication of impacts from hydrocarbons or brine. As such, our roles were limited to an initial assessment of the site. The Tribe served as the lead authority for sampling and other assessment and cleanup actions. I understand there are long-term cleanup and restoration activities underway in the drainage affected by the spill. The Tribe would be the best source for information on the status of these activities.

The State of North Dakota received notification of another brine spill on August 22. Information we received indicated that the spill did not pose a threat to surface waters.

Rich Mylott 303-312-6654

From: Diane Eastabrook [mailto:Diane.Eastabrook@aljazeera.net]

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2014 2:22 PM

To: Mylott, Richard Subject: brine spills

Hi Mr. Mylott,

Thanks for returning my calls. I understand there have been a couple of brine spills over the past two months on or near the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in western ND. The first was in early July. The second one was apparently discovered a week or two ago.

My questions are: Is the EPA still investigating both spills? Does your agency do water testing to see if these spills get into groundwater or surface water? If a spill is on a reservation, does the EPA have jurisdiction there?

Thanks very much.

Regards,
Diane Eastabrook
Correspondent
(312) 754-0157
(312) 882-0035 ©
diane.eastabrook@aljazeera.net



Notice: This email is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above and may contain information that is confidential and privileged. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this email is strictly prohibited. Opinions, conclusions and other information in this message that do not relate to the official business of our firm shall be understood as neither given nor endorsed by it.